

GRIT Gap: Global Routes Independent Track Overview

2018-19 Program Opportunities



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A scenic landscape featuring a rocky ridge in the foreground, a hot air balloon floating in the sky, and a person standing on the ridge. The background shows a vast valley with rolling hills and mountains under a soft, golden sky. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

“Travel far enough, you meet yourself.”

-David Mitchell, Cloud Atlas

Why Global Routes?

- 51 years in the field
 - Go way beyond the tourist track
 - Student-centric, emphasis on authentic experiential ed and personal growth
 - Leader in risk management and safety
 - We've been there, done that, and are here to light your path, show you the way, and support you towards your goals
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Why the GRIT model may be right for you?

- You're not seeking for 24/7 hour supervision programming
 - You want to enhance your own self-sufficiency and self-confidence
 - You have unique dates or learning goals
 - You're adventurous
 - You're seeking a more immersive and deep experience
 - You like meeting new people, trying new foods, and want to be responsible for the driving the success of your own experience
 - You're gritty. You enjoy leading, overcoming challenges, and can see every moment as a learning opportunity
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Examples of GRIT Gap focus areas

Goals:

- 1) Immersive Volunteering for at least a month in one or more locations
- 2) Teaching English and/or working with children
- 3) Language immersion
- 4) Wilderness and Adventure
- 5) Ecology, sustainability, farming, reforestation projects
- 6) Do something absolutely unforgettable
- 7) Embrace the wonderful moments and the beautiful challenges

Example GRIT Scope for 3 months in Nepal

- Months 1-2
 - 2 months volunteering w/ GR recommended org
 - Start off with Nepal orientation, language classes, local volunteer opportunities in the Kathmandu valley
 - Select rural placement opportunity from working with Buddhist monk children in the lower Himalaya to volunteering in the Terai (more than 30 opportunities to choose from (orphanages, schools, environmental projects, medical clinics, NGOs)

○ **Month 3: Discover Nepal or Asia**

Recommended Options Include:

- **1-3 week guided teahouse-trek in the Nepalese Himalaya**
- **1 week meditation retreat**
- **Explore Nepalese Wildlife in Royal Chitwan National Park**
- **Cross-border trip to Tibet or India or fly to visit highlights in Thailand, Cambodia, or Indonesia**

Example: Why Nepal?

- Very safe
- As otherworldly as anywhere on earth
- Incredibly friendly people
- Great food
- The intersection of Hinduism and Buddhism
- Extraordinary travel opportunities from trekking, to rafting, to visiting ancient cities, to meditation and yoga courses
- VERY inexpensive
- The epitome of immersive and experiential travel











**Remember:
Safety is our priority.**

**GRIT planning always includes
safety briefings for each region
and activity**

GRIT Pricing

Option 1 Map and Compass Basic Package

- **Map and Compass Package: \$595**
Includes:
 - **3 Skype sessions: 1) Onboarding 2) Outline review 3) Final Program review**
 - **1 on-the road support session**
 - **Great if you want support the tools to zero in on the perfect Gap experience but want to play a larger role in research and key decisions**

GRIT Pricing

Option 2 Passport Package

- **Passport Package: \$1295**
Includes:
 - **6 Skype sessions: Onboarding, Outline review, 3 itinerary goal setting and revision meetings, final out-the door call**
 - **Up to 5 on-the road support sessions via skype**
 - **Customized Packing lists based on itinerary, activities, expected weather**
 - **Individualized support booking flights and workshop on stretching your budget**
 - **Customized Budget planning and budget tools workshop**

Total example Budget:

Budget Goal: \$25/day average

- 1) Daily expected budget: \$25 x 90 days=\$2250 (includes 2-month volunteer placement, meals, accommodation, local travel).**
- 2) Flights: Approximately \$2200**
- 3) Travel Insurance: \$200**
- 4) Equipment/clothing: \$500**
- 5) Passport Package: \$1295**

Total example budget for 3 month GRIT experience: \$6445

**"Travel is the only thing you
buy that makes you richer."**

What's next?

- 1) Select package and let Adam know via email
- 2) Adam will send over invoice
- 3) Submit invoice for selected package
- 4) Intake form and Setup onboarding call [HERE](#)

Thank you!

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